

State Only Contest

Photography: Display Photograph

Purpose:

- To stimulate interest in the field of photography among SkillsUSA KY members
- To promote the photography field
- To demonstrate creativity in producing a display print
- To demonstrate knowledge of the photography field

CLOTHING Requirements:

 SkillsUSA blazer or windbreaker and accompanying official attire. Refer to General Regulation in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards Book.

ELIGIBILITY:

Contest is open to active SkillsUSA Kentucky members enrolled in Career & Technical Education.

SCOPE OF CONTEST:

Students will create a 11x14 display photograph sometime prior to the beginning of the state SkillsUSA conference. Only one print per student will be allowed and the subject matter is open meaning any subject matter is acceptable. Students will present photo to a panel of judges and explain the composition and technical information in how the print was composted, photographed and printed. The students will have up to five minutes to give the entire presentation. There will not be a penalty for presentations less than five minutes however, students should demonstrate knowledge of photography in explaining how they arrived at their final print and provide a written description of how the photo was made.

EQUIPMENT:

There are no equipment requirements for the actual event.

Students can use any type of photo camera with the knowledge that file size will become an issue when producing an 11x14 print.

Prints can be created on any type of printer capable of creating an 11x14 size.

Rules:

- 1. Contestant(s) must be a member of SkillsUSA KY and enrolled in Career & Technical Education within the school year participating.
- 2. Students will bring one (1) 11x14 mounted print of the photograph to the competition.
- 3. Prints must be mounted on either 11x14 foam-core or an 11x14 photo mounting board.
- 4. Prints can be either color or black and white.
- 5. Written descriptions must be typed and legible and placed on the back of the finished print.

JUDGING:

Judging will be based on the following criteria as related to the Display Photography competition.

	Criteria:		Points allowed
•	Visual Appearance		30
•	Composition		15
•	Proper Exposure		15
•	Mounting		10
•	Written Description		15
•	Oral presentation		<u> 15</u>
		Sub Total	100

A judge will score each category from 0 to the total points allowed for that specific criteria based on their knowledge of photography and how well each contestant met the criteria requirements.

Photography: Display Photograph Rating Sheet

Criteria	Points allowed			
Visual Appearance	30			
Composition	15			
Exposure	15			
Mounting	10			
Written Description	15			
Oral presentation	15			
Sub total	100			

Sample written description

This photo was taken last fall at General Butler State Park. The changing leaves made for vibrant colors and I used the reflection in the water to bring emphasis to this. My goal was to show how beautiful the fall was last year. I took the picture with a Canon Rebel camera and the exposure settings were set for automatic to make sure I got a good exposure. I used a wide angle setting on the lens to get as much



of the scene in the picture. The camera is an auto-focus so I took several frames to make sure I got the sharpest image possible. I mounted this on an 11x14 piece of foam core that had an adhesive back. I cropped the picture to size using Photoshop and had the picture printed at the Walmart photo lab.

This photo was taken at the Central Kentucky Welding Classic held last November at the Harrodsburg Area Technology Center. I took the photo to showcase the welding program at our school and how important it is to our SkillsUSA chapter. I moved the subject to the left side of the photo to show others in the background. Since the brightest point in the photo is too bright to look at, I made sure you could see it in the reflection of the welder's shield. I took



several frames to make sure I could get a good spark stream. Since I could not get close to the welders, I used a telephoto setting on the camera. I used a Canon 5D with an 80-200 mm zoom in auto-setting. The long lens makes the background blurry so as not to distract from the subject. I mounted this on an 11x14 piece of foam core that had an adhesive back. I cropped the picture to size using Photoshop and had the picture printed at the Walmart photo lab.